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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents to be considered by the Examiner during examination of the above-identified application. These documents include documents cited in the specification of the above-identified application (for example, on pages 1-3 thereof); in the International Search Report in connection International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2004/008498, filed June 10, 2004, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage application filed under 35 USC 371; and another document. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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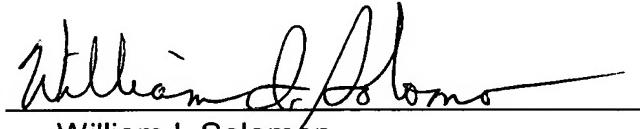
submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by submission of English-language abstracts; and/or a partial translation of the enclosed pamphlet; and/or citation of relevant passages in the International Search Report for No. PCT/JP2004/008498; and/or by discussion of references in the specification of the above-identified application, e.g., on pages 1-3 thereof.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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